

INJUSTICE DONE THEM

Erroneous Illiteracy Statistics in North Carolina.

A SPECIAL TAX ELECTION

Fairness Township Goes Overwhelm-ingly for One—The Status in Guilford County—Big Suit Against a Firm of Norfolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., September 10.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner came up from Raleigh last night and is spending the day here. This morning his attention was directed to the publication of the statistics of illiteracy in the State, published in the Raleigh morning papers, the Post and the News and Observer, as having been given out by him. After reading the same he expressed great astonishment and regret at the publication, and authorized the following statement to be made, with the request that the press generally give attention, so that any injustice done the State could be remedied. He attaches no blame whatever to the newspapers publishing the reports.

"The statistics on illiteracy published in to-day's Raleigh papers are incomplete, inaccurate and misrepresent the State, and on that account I especially directed the chief clerk of the department not to give them out for publication. I had sent out a circular letter to all county superintendents, directing them to scrutinize the census returns of this year now coming into their offices, and require the statistics on illiteracy from the various school districts of their counties to be made complete and accurate before paying for census returns. As soon as the returns for this year can be obtained in response to this letter, accurate statistics will be furnished to the press on this most important subject, and until this is done no credit should be given to the statistics as published in this morning's Raleigh papers. These statistics grossly misrepresent the State; they were summarized from the reports of county superintendents for the year ending June 30th, 1907; in some counties the statistics that reports on the illiteracy of the ages of twelve and twenty-one were not made from one-third of the school districts, while in others unquestionably more illiterates were reported, by mistake, than exist in the counties. This is why some of the most illiterate counties in the State, as published this morning, have the smallest per cent of illiteracy, and some of the most intelligent counties appear to have the largest per cent of illiteracy."

DR. BUTTRICK HERE.

Dr. Wallace Buttrick, of New York, secretary of the General Education Board, was here to-day in conference with State Superintendent Joyner, Dr. C. D. Melver and Mr. C. A. Abbott, of Charlotte, in regard to business connected with North Carolina educational matters. The immediate matter in hand is the settlement of the distribution of certain school funds raised in Charlotte for the schools of Henderson county.

At an election held yesterday, Pentress township, by vote of 53 to 20, carried the special school tax. There are five districts in this township, and this is the first election held in the State where a whole rural township was concerned in the election of a school tax.

The school taxes for the township are thus increased from \$600 to \$1,600. In addition to this, the General Education Board appropriated half as much as the township voluntarily increased, so that the township will have \$3,000 for its schools another year.

Another special tax election held in Guilford county yesterday resulted favorably for better schools by a vote of twenty-six to two. This increases the school fund of that district from taxes from \$200 to the present sum, to \$1,000. The General Education Board will add \$400, making the amount available for another year in this district alone \$1,400, as against \$300.

Guilford county now has seventeen special local tax school districts, all carried by local elections, and two more districts will hold elections the last of this month. James H. West, of this city, yesterday through his attorneys, Messrs. W. P. Bynum and E. J. Justice, brought suit against the Messick Grocery Company, and its attorneys, Messrs. Bwink and Bwink, of Winston and Norfolk, for damages in the sum of \$10,000. This suit grows out of an arrest of Mr. West while in Norfolk some time ago on a charge of trying to defraud the Messick Grocery Company out of a debt.

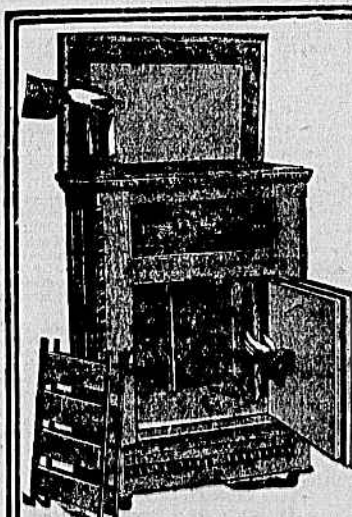
West was in Norfolk on an excursion, and he was arrested there on a charge of attempting to leave the State in Virginia without the payment of a debt. He was discharged from custody there as soon as the facts of the case were investigated.

SIMMONS THINKS

GORMAN A WINNER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., September 10.



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AN EX-POLICEMAN WENT OVERBOARD

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW BERN, N. C., September 10.

Ex-Policeman Breckenridge Dixon, commonly known as "Breck" Dixon, fell into the Neuse River this afternoon and was drowned. He was on the tug Mattamuskeet, of which he was captain, and passengers on the steamer Ocaroke, which was passing at the time, say that Dixon simply walked out of his cabin and directly overboard. His crew went to the rescue, but before they could reach him he had sunk for the third time. It is probable that the waves from the Ocaroke prevented him from swimming until the crew reached him. He leaves a wife and four children.

The New Bern Lumber Company and the Elm City Lumber Company have been shut down on account of the scarcity of timber, but will start up to-morrow.

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FALLING OFF IN EXPORTS

Virginia Cities, Like Others, Show a Decrease.

AN INCREASE IN IMPORTS

Atlantic Ports Show a Growth of \$161,000,000—Part of the Wall of Manila to Be Abolished—Sultan's Press Agent.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,

No. 147 G Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C., September 10th.

Figures compiled by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor show a large falling off in the exports from the port of Norfolk and exports from Newport for the fiscal year just ended, as compared with that ending June 30, 1907.

The falling off at the port of Norfolk was nearly two millions, while exports from the port of Newport have decreased some millions, as compared with the fiscal year of 1907.

However, the big cities to the North show a much heavier decrease in the same period. The figures for Boston show a falling off of fifty-five millions in exports; New York a reduction of twenty-four millions; Philadelphia a reduction of six millions, and Baltimore a reduction of twenty-five millions.

But the increase in the value of exports from Southern ports in two years has been about as marked as the decrease from the North. Comparing the figures of 1907 with those of 1901, Wilmington, N. C., shows an increase in exports of two million dollars; Savannah an increase of eight millions; Mobile an increase of a million; New Orleans an increase of three millions, while New Orleans' receipts for 1907 show a decrease of three millions, as compared with the figures for 1901.

Combining all of the Atlantic ports, the total exports of 1907, compared with those of 1901, show a falling off of ninety-eight million dollars; the Gulf ports show practically the same figures in 1907 as in 1901; Pacific ports an increase of ten millions, and Northern, border and Lake ports an increase of eighteen millions. The exports from the Pacific ports have nearly doubled since 1901.

In imports the Atlantic ports still hold commanding positions. The total imports of 1907 amounted to \$1,025,753,538, and of this amount eighty per cent came in through Atlantic ports. Comparing figures of 1907 with those of 1901, the ports show an increase in importations of \$151,000,000.

To Abolish Manila Walls.

The War Department is determined to demolish a portion of the walls surrounding the city of Manila. A number of papers, petitions, etc., received at the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, show considerable opposition to the subject. An act passed by the Philippine Commission in March of this year, provided for the removal of a portion of the wall in order to admit of a much needed addition to the waterfront on the Pasig River for the accommodation of the rapidly growing city.

When it became known in the United States that such a step was contemplated there were a number of protests filed against the destruction of the only city wall within the territory of the United States. The Department has requested a full report on the subject. It appears that the part of the wall to be taken down is not an ancient or historical monument. The portion of the wall which it is proposed to remove was built in 1850. A number of business men's associations of Manila have requested the removal of the wall for the reason given, and for the further reason that the filthy moat surrounding the wall is a breeder of pestilence.

Press Agent for the Sultan.

The Sultan of Turkey may be behind the age in some things, but he fully appreciates the advantage of having a press agent, and he knows, furthermore, that America can supply the best in the world. It was announced to-day that Cheikh Bey, the Turkish minister to America had, by direction of the Sultan, employed Joseph E. Marcombe, assistant librarian of the Marine Library at Cedar Rapids, Ia., and well known in the Masonic world as editor of the Masonic Bulletin, to proceed to Constantinople, prepared to proceed at once to the seat of trouble in Macedonia, and present to the world "the true facts regarding the Macedonian question, in which the world is taking a lively interest and receiving inaccurate or garbled accounts." The Sultan learned of Mr. Marcombe through the Masonic Bulletin, which circulates all over the world. Mr. Marcombe thought of the proposition for some time and finally accepted upon payment of a year's salary in advance.

Hay is for Williams.

I called attention in this correspondence a few days ago to the interview with Representative Hay, of Virginia, published in the Baltimore Sun, in which he was quoted as championing George E. Hay, of New York, for the floor leadership on the Democratic side. Suspicions as to the accuracy of the interview are confirmed by Mr. Hay's positive statement that he favors the selection of John Sharpe Williams of Mississippi for the leadership. Mr. Williams was selected by the Democratic conference last February. Mr. Hay presided at the conference, and, as he says, the election of Mr. Williams is a foregone conclusion.

Richmond man, who was at the Metropolitan Hotel last night, was in the peculiar predicament of having forgotten his initials. The register showed plainly he had signed first with certain letters and initials of his Christian names, and then wrote over them letters different in each case.

"I admit that looks funny," said Mr. Price, the waiter at the Metropolitan, who had the register in his hands, "but we see such things often. Only yesterday a Baltimore man came here with his wife and registered. After he had been here some hours he came up, and looking at the register, he said he had made a mistake and written the wrong name. He gave them the right name, the one we have always known him by. Now he is a perfectly straight, honest, honorable business man. He said he had written another name instead of his own. It sounds funny, but it occurs often."

The Richmond man referred to has a wide acquaintance and stands high at home.

MUST MEET ISSUE SQUARELY

Senator Hoar Declares the Plan of John Temple Graves Impracticable.

(By Associated Press.)

SALEM, MASS., September 10.—Senator Hoar discussed "Problems of the Nation" at the annual summer outing of the Essex Club of Massachusetts at Baker's Island to-day. Discussing the race problem in the South, the Senator

"I know, my friends, that there are special difficulties in this problem as it

attracts our colored fellow-citizens. I know how deeply moved are the feelings of our Southern brethren. I would not utter toward them a word of reproach. I know how near to their hearts the issue of race is to them. I know how close to their social and political life comes this cloud and shadow.

"I see that one enthusiastic Southern gentleman has renewed the proposition that we should send the colored people out of the country. This is totally impracticable. Let us not decide ourselves. We have got this question to meet squarely at home. The negro will stay in the country, and he will stay out and you cannot keep him out."

JUDGE MANN ASKED

Organized Fight to Be Waged Against Liquor in Salisbury.

SALISBURY, N. C., Sept. 10.—Dr. M. H. Houghton, of Monroe, and a Mr. Gayman, of McAdamsville, have each given out contracts for large brick mercantile buildings to be erected at once in Salisbury.

Under the auspices of Fulton Lodge, No. 59, A. F. and A. M., the corner stone of the new Baptist church, of Salisbury, was laid this afternoon. The edifice will cost fifteen thousand dollars or more.

The Anti-Saloon League of Salisbury is making arrangements for Judge W. H. Mann, of Virginia, to visit this city and deliver a number of temperance addresses. This fall.

It is expected that the speeches of this noted jurist, together with the efforts of the Rev. Sam P. Jones, who is also expected to hold a meeting here soon, will practically wipe out the liquor business from Salisbury.

About which so much has been said in the State papers, is to be heard at the present season millions of people, who are in a state of turmoil, charged with selling whiskey to a minor in Spencer, which is prohibited territory. A large number of interested persons are attending court anticipating an interesting trial, as this is being made a test case.

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ATTORNEY TO RETURN

Judge Clopton Expected Home This Week.

MRS. TRAINUM'S SCHOOL

Manchester's New Police Are Working Like Veterans—Improvements to Semmes Street—Cowardin Avenue Pastor Arrives.